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# The Elemental Poodle

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## From the President's Pen

By Eleni Stevens

Summer's gone already!

Our specialty is coming up in Phoenix on December 10, 2011, in conjunction with the UKC all breed club there. There aren't words to thank Lorraine Tayeb enough for all she's putting into this. As we get closer and things crop up, please step up and help wherever you can so we can make this a great success.

Everyone should have received their slate of nominees in the mail at the beginning of May. We've received no additional nominations so the slate stands at:

Eleni Stevens, President  
Second Term

Susan Dearholt, Vice President  
Second Term

Kelsey Wolf, Secretary  
Second Term

Gloria Ogdahl, Treasurer  
Second Term

Becky Baxter, Membership  
First Term



We will be doing our annual meeting at the show in Phoenix on December 10. As we get a handle on who will be able to attend, we'll be able to determine if we need to try to get some people to join us by phone or computer to make a quorum.

Our terrific, wonderful, irreplaceable (almost) newsletter editor, Jennifer Girard, is having to step down at the end of this year and we are in desperate need of a replacement.

Jennifer is writing up a "job description" so you can see what it entails and I know she'll help us get

somebody trained – the sooner the better. If the newsletter is your area of interest or expertise, please consider taking on this vital job for UPBA. If you think you would like to try it but maybe can't do the whole job, let a board member know and we'll try to get more than one person involved.

Thank you, Jennifer, for the outstanding job you've been doing with the newsletter and with membership!!

Hope to see you all (?) at the show in December!

## Upcoming Health Clinics

Symbols for tests: Heart (Cardiac) ♥; Eyes 👁; Hearing 🗣; Blood/Swabs 🩸; X-rays ✕; Other tests +; Microchip 📁

STATE/ PROV	CITY	DATE	TESTS
AZ	Avondale	Monthly	👁
"	Mesa*	1/18/14	♥ 👁
"	Gilbert	Monthly	👁
"	Litchfield Park	11/3-4/11	♥
"	Scottsdale*	9/25/11	♥ 👁 ✕ + 🩸 📁
"	Tucson	11/12/11	👁
"	"	Monthly	👁
BC	Abbotsford	10/27/11	👁
"	"	10/28/11	🗣
CA	Bloomington	10/17/11	♥ 👁 🩸
"	Carmel*	1/??/13	♥ 👁
"	Dixon	10/29-30/11	♥ ✕ + 🩸 📁
"	Pleasanton	10/21-22/11	🩸
"	"	10/23-24/11	♥ ✕ + 🩸 📁
"	Roseville	10/8/11	👁
"	"	10/8-9/11	♥ ✕ + 🩸 📁
"	"	10/9/11	🗣
"	San Diego	Monthly	👁
"	San Jose*	10/8/11	♥ 👁
"	Santa Rosa	Monthly	👁
"	Torrance	Monthly	👁
"	Tustin	Monthly	👁
"	Upland	Monthly	👁
"	Woodland Hills*	1/14/12	♥ 👁
"	Yuba City	10/15-16/11	♥ ✕ + 🩸 📁
FL	Titusville	10/23/11	👁
GA	Atlanta*	5/19/12	♥ 👁
"	Conyers	9/28/11	♥ 👁
"	Marietta	10/29/11	♥
"	Pine Mountain	9/20/11	👁 🩸

GA	Norcross	9/26/11	♥ 🗣 + 📁
ID	Boise	10/15/11	👁 🗣
IL	Hoffman Estates	10/8/11	👁
"	McHenry	9/25/11	♥ 👁
"	Rosemont*	4/14/12	♥ 👁
"	Wheeling	Monthly	👁
IA	Des Moines	1/12/12	👁 🩸 + 📁
"	Mason City	10/15/11	👁
KS	Salina	10/1/11	👁
MD	Annapolis	Monthly	👁
"	Bowie	9/24-25/11	♥
"	Leonardtown*	10/20/11	♥ 👁
"	Mt. Airy	10/16/11	♥ 👁 🩸 📁
MA	Bolton	4/15/12	♥ 👁 🩸 📁
"	Boxborough	10/12-13/11	♥
"	Fitchburg	10/4-5/11	♥
"	Rehoboth	11/20/11	👁 🩸 📁
"	Sudbury	11/13/11	♥ 👁 🩸 📁
"	W. Springfield	11/25/11	♥
"	"	3/3/12	♥
MI	Monroe	9/30/11	🗣
"	Southfield	Monthly	♥ 👁
MN	Inver Grove Heights	9/24/11	♥ 👁 🩸 📁
"	St. Paul	Monthly	👁
MO	Gray Summit	9/20/11	👁 +
"	"	9/24/11	♥ 👁 🗣 📁
MT	Helena	9/23-24/11	👁
NV	Las Vegas	Monthly	👁
NH	Amherst	10/16/11	♥ 👁
NJ	Red Bank	11/20/11	♥ 👁 📁
NY	Rhinebeck	11/6/11	👁
NC	Concord	11/18/11	♥
"	"	11/19/11	♥ 👁 🗣 + 📁
"	Fletcher	9/27/11	👁 🗣 🩸 📁
"	Winston Salem	11/12/11	♥ 👁 + 🩸 📁
OH	Akron	Monthly	👁



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"	Salem	11/12-13/11	♥ ✕ + 🩸 📱
"	"	11/12-13/11	🗣
PA	Lancaster	1/8/12	♥ 👁 🩸 📱
"	"*	11/6/11	♥ 👁
"	Wilkes Barre	9/25/11	👁
"	York*?	11/12/11	♥ 👁
SD	Rapid City	10/21-22/11	👁
"	Sioux Falls	10/28/11	👁
TX	Austin	Monthly	👁
"	Colleyville*	9/25/11	♥ 👁 + 📱
"	Fort Worth	3/23/12	♥ 👁
"	Humble	10/8/11	👁
"	Irving*	2/18/12	♥ 👁
"	Lubbock	9/24/11	👁
UT	South Jordan	Monthly	👁
VA	Leesburg	Monthly	👁
"	Purcellville	12/4/11	♥ 👁 ✕ + 🩸 📱
"	Richmond*?	3/17/12	♥ 👁
WA	Ridgefield	10/30/11	👁
"	"	12/10-11/11	♥ ✕ + 🩸 📱
"	"*	9/15/12	♥ 👁
WI	Oconomowoc	6/10/12	♥ 👁 📱

Thank you to Rod Russell, for permission to use their health clinic listing. You may obtain further information at their site:

[http://www.cavalierhealth.org/health\\_clinics.htm](http://www.cavalierhealth.org/health_clinics.htm)

## UPBA National Specialty Information

The host hotel for the show in Phoenix, Arizona in December will be:

La Quinta Inn and Suites  
8888 East Shea Blvd  
Scottsdale, AZ 85260

(480) 614-5300 or (800) 753-3757  
refer to Caliente' Dog Club Group

The rates will be \$62.10 a night for king and \$53.10 a night for double. There is no pet fee. Free breakfast at the hotel and there are lots of nice restaurants within walking distance.

## Take the Poodle Health Survey

Please fill out this survey for each Poodle (Standard, Miniature or Toy) you have owned since 1985 (living or deceased; healthy or with health issues). Please complete one survey for each dog and designate the Variety for each dog. The results of this survey will help us see both overall health as well as the health issues facing our Poodles, and will serve as a guide to help ensure we focus our effort and money where they are most needed.

Personal information and pedigree information are not part of this survey and are not needed in any way to complete this survey. Information submitted is not identifiable and specific Poodle names are not required or requested.

If you know any Poodle owners/breeders who do not have computer access, they can obtain a hard copy of the survey by contacting the PCA Foundation at P.O. Box 1, Geyserville, CA 95441-0001.

Please help our Poodles by taking the time to fill out this survey.

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/LTH25LX>

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<http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=64275251141>  
(UPBA Members Only)

<http://www.facebook.com/#/pages/United-Poodle-Breeds-Association/169482314573>  
(Open to Everyone—Invite your poodle friends!)



## Show Brags



GRCH Cynpams Jeopardy and Roxanne's CH Cynpams Resolution both earned their titles at the AIGC show in June. Shown by Pam assisted by Toni.

*Cynthia Woods  
Cynpams Miniature Poodles  
Gardena, CA*



Amandi's Mickie Michelet, "Mickie", qualified as a UKC Champion this summer. He is owned by Sue Mickley and was bred by Sue Wilson of California.

*Sue Mickley  
Whitehall, PA*



Champion "Bijou's Cherry Blossom"  
New Champion



Champion "Bijou's Dare to be Different"  
New Champion

*Laura Turner  
Bijou Standard Poodles  
<http://www.bijoupoodles.com>*



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Grand Champion "Bijou's ooh la la"  
New Grand Champion



Champion "K-Lar's Dream of Cadbury"  
RO3 Title



Grand Champion "K-Lar's Truffle Bijou"  
New Grand Champion



Champion, RO3, "Bijou's Red Pepper of Majestic"  
RO3 Title

Laura Turner  
Bijou Standard Poodles  
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Champion, CA "Bijou's Hot Ember of Majestic"  
Qualifying runs towards CAX title



Grand Champion, CA "Bijou's Red Razzberry of Majestic" - Qualifying runs towards CAX title



ALT Champion, CA, RO1 "Bijou's Finnegan Avon"  
Qualifying runs towards CAX title



Champion, CA, RO2 "Bijou's Majestic Red Ruby of LS" - Qualifying runs towards CAX title, 1 leg for RO3 title



Grand Champion, CA "K-Lar's Joyous Chocolate"  
Qualifying runs towards CAX title



ALT Champion "Bijou's Finntastic Adventure"  
New Alter Champion

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Group shot of my poodles  
Lure Coursing doing  
practice runs.

"Bijou's Dirty Harry"  
Qualifying run towards CA title

*Laura Turner*  
*Bijou Standard Poodles*  
<http://www.bijoupoodles.com>



## Help Wanted: Newsletter Editor

The Newsletter Editor is a volunteer position approved by the Board of Directors.

**Mission:** The Newsletter Committee will support Association objectives by publishing a regular newsletter for members and other subscribers.

### Goals:

1. Produce at least 3 substantive newsletters and distribute them to all members
2. Maintain regular communication with committee members and with the Board through the Board liaison.

### Primary Duties:

1. Serve on the Newsletter Committee. The committee consists of the Editor and any other volunteers recruited to assist in the effort.

2. Gather up all UPBA content from other members, Board of Directors, and Committee Chairs.
3. Lay out each newsletter in a desktop publishing software, convert to a PDF format and distribute to the current membership via email. This is done on a quarterly basis.
4. Upload each newsletter to the newsletter file on the Yahoo group.
5. Continually search for new content which adds value for the membership.
6. Prepare a Newsletter Committee report for each annual meeting.

If you are interested in this position, please contact any board member.



## Who's in Charge Here?

By Vicki Rodenberg

"My dog just tried to bite me! All I did was tell him to move over so I could sit on the couch next to him."

"My dog got into the trash can and when I scolded her, she growled at me. What's wrong with her? I thought she loved me!"

"Our dog is very affectionate most of the time but when we try to make him do something he doesn't want to do, he snaps at us."

What do these three dogs have in common? Are they nasty or downright vicious? No - they're "alpha". They've taken over the leadership of the families that love them. Instead of taking orders from their people, these dogs are giving orders! Your dog can love you very much and still try to dominate you or other members of your family.

Dogs are social creatures and believers in social order. A dog's social system is a "pack"; with a well-defined pecking order. The leader of the pack is the alpha, supreme boss, Top Dog. He (or she) gets the best of everything - the best food, the best place to sleep, the best toy, etc. The leader also gets to be first in everything - he gets to eat first, to leave first and to get attention first. All the other dogs in the pack respect the alpha dog's wishes. Any dog that challenges the alpha's authority gets a swift physical reminder of just where his place in the pack really is.

Your family is your dog's "pack" Many dogs fit easily into the lower levels of their human pack's pecking order and don't make waves. They do what they're told and don't challenge authority. Other dogs don't fit in quite as well. Some of them are natural born leaders and are always challenging their human alpha's. Other dogs are social climbers - they're always looking for ways to get a little closer to the top of the family ladder. These natural leaders and the social climbers can become problems to an unsuspecting family that's not aware of the dog's natural pack instincts.

Some families encourage their dogs to take over the "pack"; without realizing it. They treat their dogs as equals, not as subordinates. They give them special privileges like being allowed to sleep on the bed or couch. They don't train their dogs and let them get away with disobeying commands. In a real dog pack, no one but the alpha dog would get this kind of treatment. Alpha doesn't have anything to do with size. The tiniest Chihuahua can be a canine Hitler. In fact, the smaller the dog, the more people tend to baby them and cater to them - making the dog feel even more dominant and in control of his humans.

Alpha dogs often seem to make good pets. They're confident, smarter than average, and affectionate. They can be wonderful with children and good with

strangers. Everything seems to be great with the relationship - until someone crosses him or makes him do something he doesn't want to do. Then, suddenly, this wonderful dog growls or tries to bite someone and no one understands why.

In a real dog pack, the alpha dog doesn't have to answer to anyone. No one gives him orders or tells him what to do. The other dogs in the pack respect his position. If another dog is foolish enough to challenge the alpha by trying to take his bone or his favorite sleeping place, the alpha dog will quickly put him in his place with a hard stare or a growl. If this doesn't work, the alpha dog will enforce his leadership with his teeth. This is all natural, instinctive behavior - in a dog's world. In a human family, though, this behavior is unacceptable and dangerous.

Dogs need and want leaders. They have an instinctive need to fit into a pack. They want the security of knowing their place and what's expected of them. Most of them don't want to be alpha - they want someone else to give the orders and make the decisions. If his humans don't provide that leadership, the dog will take over the role himself. If you've allowed your dog to become alpha, you're at his mercy and as a leader, he may be either a benevolent king or a tyrant!

If you think your dog is alpha in your household, he probably is. If your dog respects only one or two members of the family but dominates the others, you still have a problem. The dog's place should be at the -bottom- of your human family's pack order, not at the top or somewhere in between.

In order to reclaim your family's rightful place as leaders of the pack, your dog needs some lessons in how to be a subordinate, not an equal. You're going to show him what it means to be a dog again. Your dog's mother showed him very early in life that -she- was alpha and that he had to respect her. As a puppy, he was given a secure place in his litter's pack and because of that security, he was free to concentrate on growing, learning, playing, loving and just being a dog. Your dog doesn't really want the responsibility of being alpha, having to make the decisions and defend his position at the top. He wants a leader to follow and worship so he can have the freedom of just being a dog again.

How to become leader of your pack:

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Your dog watches you constantly and reads your body language. He knows if you're insecure, uncomfortable in a leadership role or won't enforce a command. This behavior confuses him, makes -him- insecure and if he's a natural leader or has a social-





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climbing personality, it'll encourage him to assume the alpha position and tell -you- what to do.

"Alpha" is an attitude. It involves quiet confidence, dignity, intelligence, an air of authority. A dog can sense this attitude almost immediately - it's how his mother acted towards him. Watch a professional trainer or a good obedience instructor. They stand tall and use their voices and eyes to project the idea that they're capable of getting what they want. They're gentle but firm, loving but tough, all at the same time. Most dogs are immediately submissive towards this type of personality because they recognize and respect alpha when they see it.

Practice being alpha. Stand up straight with your shoulders back. Walk tall. Practice using a new tone of voice, one that's deep and firm. Don't ask your dog to do something - tell him. There's a difference. He knows the difference, too! Remember that, as alpha, you're entitled to make the rules and give the orders. Your dog understands that instinctively.

With most dogs, just this change in your attitude and an obedience training course will be enough to turn things around. With a dog that's already taken over the household and has enforced his position by growling or biting and has been allowed to get away with it, you'll need to do more than just decide to be alpha. The dog is going to need an attitude adjustment as well.

Natural leaders and social climbers aren't going to want to give up their alpha position. Your sudden change in behavior is going to shock and threaten them. Your dog might act even more aggressively than before. An alpha dog will instinctively respond to challenges to his authority. It's his nature to want to put down revolutionary uprisings by the peasants! Don't worry, there's a way around it.

An alpha dog already knows that he can beat you in a physical fight so returning his aggression with violence of your own won't work. Until you've successfully established your position as alpha, corrections like hitting, shaking, or using the "roll over" techniques described in some books will not work and can be downright dangerous to you. An alpha dog will respond to these methods with violence and you could be seriously hurt.

What you need to do is use your -brain- ! You're smarter than he is and you can outthink him. You'll also need to be more stubborn than he is. What I'm about to describe here is an effective, non-violent method of removing your dog from alpha status and putting him back at the bottom of the family totem pole where he belongs and where he needs to be. In order for this method to work, your whole family has to be involved. It requires an attitude adjustment from everyone and a new way of working with your dog.

This is serious business. A dog that bites or threatens people is a -dangerous- dog, no matter how much you love him. If treating your dog like a dog and not an equal seems harsh to you, keep in mind that our society no longer tolerates dangerous dogs. Lawsuits from dog bites are now settling for millions of dollars - you could lose your home and everything else you own if your dog injures someone. You or your children could be permanently disfigured. And your dog could lose his life. That's the bottom line.

Canine Boot Camp for Alpha Attitude Adjustment

From this day forward, you're going to teach your dog that he is a -dog-, not a miniature human being in a furry suit. His mother taught him how to be a dog once and how to take orders. Along the way, through lack of training or misunderstood intentions, he's forgotten. With your help, he's going to remember what he is and how he fits into the world. Before long, he's even going to like it!

Dogs were bred to look to humans for food, companionship and guidance. An alpha dog doesn't ask for what he wants, he demands it. He lets you know in no uncertain terms that he wants his dinner, that he wants to go out, that he wants to play and be petted and that he wants these things -right now-. You're going to teach him that from now on, he has to -earn- what he gets. No more free rides. This is going to be a shock to his system at first but you'll be surprised how quickly he'll catch on and that he'll actually become eager to please you.

If your dog doesn't already know the simple command SIT, teach it to him. Reward him with praise and a tidbit. Don't go overboard with the praise. A simple "Good boy!" in a happy voice is enough. Now, every time your dog wants something - his dinner, a trip outside, a walk, some attention, anything - tell him (remember don't ask him, -tell- him) to SIT first. When he does, praise him with a "Good Boy!" then tell him OKAY and give him whatever it is he wants as a reward. If he refuses to SIT, walk away and ignore him. No SIT, no reward. If you don't think he understands the command, work on his training some more. If he just doesn't want to obey, ignore him - DON'T give him what he wants or reward him in any fashion.

Make him sit before giving him his dinner, make him sit at the door before going outside, make him sit in front of you to be petted, make him sit before giving him his toy. If you normally leave food out for him all the time, stop. Go to a twice daily feeding and -you- decide what time of day he'll be fed. Make him sit for his dinner. If he won't obey the command - no dinner. Walk away and ignore him. Bring the food out later and tell him again to SIT. If he understands the command, don't tell him more than once. He heard you the first time. Give commands from a standing position and use a deep, firm tone of voice.



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If the dog respects certain members of the family but not others, let the others be the ones to feed him and bring the good things to his life for now. Show them how to make him obey the SIT command and how to walk away and ignore him if he won't do as he's told. It's important that your whole family follows this program. Dogs are like kids - if they can't have their way with Mom, they'll go ask Dad.

In your dog's case, if he finds a member of the family that he can dominate, he'll continue to do so. You want your dog to learn that he has to respect and obey everyone. Remember - his place is at the bottom of the totem pole. Bouncing him from the top spot helps but if he thinks he's anywhere in the middle, you're still going to have problems.

Think - you know your dog and know what he's likely to do under most circumstances. Stay a step ahead of him and anticipate his behavior so you can avoid or correct it. If he gets into the trash and growls when scolded, make the trash can inaccessible. If he likes to bolt out the door ahead of you, put a leash on him. Make him sit and wait while you open the door and give him permission - OKAY! - to go out. If your alpha dog doesn't like to come when he's called (and he probably doesn't!), don't let him outside off leash. Without a leash, you have no control over him and he knows it.

**Petting and attention:** Alpha dogs are used to being fussed over. In a real dog pack, subordinate dogs are forever touching, licking and grooming the alpha dog. It's a show of respect and submission. For now, until his attitude has shown improvement, cut down on the amount of cuddling your dog gets. When he wants attention, make him SIT first, give him a few kind words and pats, then stop. Go back to whatever it was you were doing and ignore him. If he pesters you, tell him NO! in a firm voice and ignore him some more. Pet him when -you- want to, not time being, don't get down on the floor or on your knees to pet your dog. That, too, is a show of submission. Give praise, petting and rewards from a position that's higher than the dog.

**Games:** If you or anyone in your family wrestles, rough-houses or plays tug of war with your dog, stop! These games encourage dogs to dominate people physically and to use their teeth. In a dog pack or in a litter, these games are more than just playing - they help to establish pack order based on physical strength. Your dog is already probably stronger and quicker than you are. Rough, physical games prove that to him. He doesn't need to be reminded of it!

**Find new games for him to play:** Hide and seek, fetch or frisbee catching are more appropriate. Make sure you're the one who starts and ends the game, not the dog. Stop playing before the dog gets bored and is inclined to try to keep the ball or frisbee.

**Where does your dog sleep?** Not in your bedroom and especially not on your bed! Your bedroom is a special place - it's your "den". An alpha dog thinks he has a right to sleep in your den because he considers himself your equal. In fact, he may have already taken over your bed, refusing to get off when told or growling and snapping when anyone asks him to make room for the humans. Until your dog's alpha problems are fully under control, the bedroom should be off-limits! The same goes for sleeping on furniture. If you can't keep him off the couch without a fight, deny him access to the room until his behavior and training has improved.

**Crate-training:** Dog crates have 1,000 uses and working with an alpha dog is one of them. It's a great place for your dog to sleep at night, to eat in and just to stay in when he needs to chill out and be reminded that he's a dog. The crate is your dog's "den". Start crate training by feeding him his dinner in his crate. Close the door and let him stay there for an hour afterwards. If he throws a tantrum, ignore him. Don't let your dog out of his crate until he's quiet and settled. At bedtime, show him an irresistible goodie, tell him to SIT and when he does, throw the goodie into the crate. When he dives in for the treat, tell him what a good boy he is and close the door.

### **Graduating from Boot Camp: What's next?**

Just like in the army, boot camp is really just an introduction to a new career and new way of doing things. A tour through boot camp isn't going to solve your alpha dog's problems forever. It's a way to get basic respect from a dog who's been bullying you without having to resort to physical force.

How long should boot camp last? That depends on the dog. Some will show an improvement right away, others may take much longer. For really tough cookies, natural leaders that need constant reminders of their place in the pack, Alpha Dog Boot Camp will become a way of life. Social climbers may need periodic trips through boot camp if you get lax and accidentally let them climb back up a notch or two in the family pack order.

How do you know if you're making a difference? If boot camp has been successful, your dog should start looking to you for directions and permission. He'll show an eagerness to please. Watch how your dog approaches and greets you. Does he come to you "standing tall"; with his head and ears held high and erect? It may look impressive and proud but it means he's still alpha and you still have problems!

A dog who accepts humans as superiors will approach you with his head slightly lowered and his ears back or off to the sides. He'll "shrink"; his whole body a little in a show of submission. Watch how he greets all the members of the family. If he displays this submissive posture to some of them, but not others,



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those are the ones who still need to work on their own alpha posture and methods. They should take him back through another tour of boot camp with support from the rest of the family.

### **Obedience Training:**

Once your dog has begun to accept this new way of life and his new position in the family, you should take him through an obedience course with a qualified trainer. All dogs need to be trained and alpha dogs need training most of all! You don't have to wait until he's through with boot camp to start this training but it's important that he respects at least one member of the family and is willing to take direction from them.

Obedience class teaches -you- to train your dog. It teaches you how to be alpha, how to enforce commands and rules, how to get respect and to keep it. All family members who are old enough to understand and control the dog should participate in the class.

Obedience training is a lifelong process. One obedience course does not a trained dog make! Obedience commands need to be practiced and incorporated into your daily life. In a dog pack, the alpha animal uses occasional reminders to reinforce his authority. Certain commands, like DOWN/STAY, are especially effective, nonviolent reminders of a dog's place in the family pack order and who's really in charge here.

A well-trained obedient dog is a happy dog and a joy to live with. Dogs want to please and need a job to do. Training gives them the opportunity to do both. A well-trained dog has more freedom. He can go more places and do more things with you because he knows how to behave. A well-trained dog that's secure in his place within the family pack is comfortable and confident. He knows what's expected of him. He knows his limits and who his leaders are. He's free from the responsibility of running the household and making decisions. He's free to be our loving companion and not your boss. He's free to be a dog - what he was born to be and what he always wanted to be in the first place!

### **When You Need Professional Help:**

If your dog has already injured you or someone else or if you are afraid of your dog, you should consult with a qualified professional dog trainer or behaviorist before starting Canine Boot Camp. Your dog should also have an exam by your veterinarian to make sure there are no physical causes for his behavior.

To find a qualified trainer or behaviorist near you, contact your veterinarian or the American Kennel Club for a list of obedience training clubs in your area.

The American Kennel Club  
5580 Centerview Drive, Raleigh, NC 27606-3390  
phone: (919) 854-0175, (919) 854-0176  
fax: (919) 854-0151

### **Related Reading:**

Mother Knows Best - Carol Lea Benjamin  
Dog Problems - Carol Lea Benjamin  
Dogs Love To Please - September B. Morn  
Psychological Dog Training - Clarence Meisterfield

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It's Free! It's easy to apply!

Recognize your 2011 UKC title(s)! You receive a certificate, an announcement with photo in the newsletter and on the website.

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Sue Dearholt  
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That's all there is to it!

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## United Poodle Breeds Association "National Specialty Show"



SATURDAY, December 10, 2011 in Sunny PHOENIX, ARIZONA.

Held in conjunction with CALIENTE ALL-BREED CANINE  
ASSOCIATION (6) Six Multi-Breed Shows Weekend  
December 9-11, 2011!

- \* Specialty judge: Ann Hearn
- \* Beautiful Trophies & Rosettes
- \* Exciting Raffle
- \* Friday Evening Pot Luck Dinner
- \* Lovely outdoor park setting

**Paradise Valley Park**  
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All Breed Show Judges  
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**Also offering Novice Puppy, Stud Dog, Brood Bitch, Brace and Veteran.**

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If you would like to be placed on the mailing list please contact  
Lorraine Tayeb [azilah@comcast.net](mailto:azilah@comcast.net)

Contact for Caliente' All Breed Canine Assoc. Linda Dannemiller [miracleterriers@gmail.com](mailto:miracleterriers@gmail.com)

**Agility, Conformation, Hunting, UKC  
Junior Program, Obedience, Tracking,  
Weight Pull . . . . .**



These are among the many talents of Poodles that are promoted by the United Poodle Breeds Association (United Kennel Club). Poodle lovers of all levels of experience and involvement in the breed are welcome to join UPBA.

Please join us in celebrating the total Poodle. Go to the United Poodle Breeds Association web site for complete information about the club, including our quarterly newsletter, “The Elemental Poodle”. The application for membership in UPBA is available at:

**<http://www.upba.org>**



# United Poodle Breeds Association

## Application for Membership and Renewal of Membership: 2011

**UPBA membership is open to all persons in good standing with the United Kennel Club.**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Name (Household Membership) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Would you like to have your information published on the UPBA website? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_  
 E-mail \_\_\_\_\_ Website \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of Standard Poodles \_\_\_\_\_ Miniature Poodles \_\_\_\_\_ Toy Poodles \_\_\_\_\_ you own  
 Kennel Name \_\_\_\_\_ Are you a breeder? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_  
 Club Affiliations \_\_\_\_\_

**What UPBA activities would you be interested in participating in? Indicate all that apply.**

- Educational/Health Committee
- Membership/Publicity Committee
- Illustrated Breed Standard Committee
- Recognition Committee
- Website Committee
- Show/Trial Committee
- Fund-Raising Committee
- Performance Committee
- Newsletter Committee
- Judging/Stewarding
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

**Please tell us about your prior club experience (e.g. committees, judging, newsletter).**

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**Please tell us who (if anyone) invited you to join UPBA.** \_\_\_\_\_

**What dog activities do you participate in? Indicate all that apply:**

- Agility
- Fly-Ball
- Obedience
- Therapy
- Assistance Dog
- Freestyle
- Scootering
- Tracking
- Conformation
- Herding
- Search & Rescue
- Weight-Pull
- Disk Dog
- Hunting/Field
- Skijoring
- Dock Diving
- Dog Sport
- Lure-Coursing
- Sledding
- Rally

**In what areas have you earned UKC titles? Indicate all that apply:**

- Agility
- Conformation
- Obedience
- Weight-Pull
- Dog Sport
- Dock Diving
- Rally

**Membership Type:**

- Individual 1 adult, 18 or over \$20.00 Or \$20.91 if using PayPal
- Household 2 adults, 1 address \$30.00 Or \$31.20 if using PayPal
- Senior 1 adult, 65 or over \$10.00 Or \$10.61 if using PayPal
- Junior 1 youth, under 18 \$1.00 Or \$1.33 if using PayPal

The Association year begins on January 1. Dues are good through December 31. A new member who has joined the Association during the months of October, November, or December shall be considered automatically paid up for the next year. Dues are non-refundable and are not pro-rated. **Make check payable to: United Poodle Breeds Association and mail with completed application to our Treasurer at: UPBA Treasurer, Gloria Ogdahl, 474 Sugarfork Church Rd, Franklin, NC 28734 OR for PayPal, email to [UPBAreas@frontier.com](mailto:UPBAreas@frontier.com). Use this link to get to PayPal: <http://www.paypal.com/cgi-bin/webscr?cmd=p/ema/index-outside>**

By paying my dues, I indicate that I have read the Constitution and Bylaws, and the Code of Ethics of the United Poodle Breeds Association and agree to abide by them, and to do my part to support the goals of the UPBA in preserving, protecting, and promoting versatile Poodles and Standard Poodles. I am in good standing with the United Kennel Club.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_